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Community *notes*

Ladies Night Out at Robinson Nature Center

Hang out with your friends and enjoy a sunset hike and campfire on Friday, May 26, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Enjoy an hour-long guided hike with the Center's Naturalists while learning about flora, fauna and history. After sunset, settle down to a cozy campfire with s'mores and socializing. For more information, visit the [event website](#).

Volunteers Needed

Additional volunteers are needed for the [Katena Luminarium](#) at the Lakefront. Do you want to see this amazing attraction without waiting on long lines? Volunteer for one or more shifts on June 16, 17, and 18. Help make this a memorable experience for visitors while you work with a team of other volunteers.



While you consider volunteering, check out the incredible events

[Columbia Festival of the Arts](#) has to offer. Aaron Neville performs on Sunday, June 18 at the Rouse Theater, Manual Cinema visits on Saturday, June 24 at the Smith Theater, view Sundance Shorts on Sunday, June 25; there's an event for everyone. Get your tickets today!

Coffee with a Cop

The Coffee with a Cop program offers the community an opportunity to meet face-to-face with police personnel in a neutral environment to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know officers. As always, coffee and conversation are on the house! The event will take place on Thursday, June 1, 12:00—2:00 p.m. at McDonalds (7244 Cradlerock Way, Columbia).

Greetings

With Memorial Day once again being observed this weekend, I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has served and continues to serve our country. You are very much appreciated as you handle difficult jobs every day.

ManyKay

HopeWorks Pantry Drive

HopeWorks maintains a pantry that is available to their clients who need assistance acquiring essential food, personal care and household items. This pantry depends on contributions from people in our community like you. You won't even need to get out of your car; Hopeworks' staff will greet you outside and unload your donations for you on Saturday, June 3 from 10:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m. at the Nonprofit Center (9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia).

Here is a list of the items they urgently need:

Baby Wipes	Juice Boxes
Rice, Size 5 Diapers	Crackers (e.g., Goldfish)
Laundry Detergent	Peanut butter and Jelly
Cereal	Pop-top Canned Goods
Cleaning Supplies	Pasta and Pasta Sauce
Mac & Cheese	Women's Personal Care Products
Gas Gift Cards	Boxed Microwave Meals
Granola Bars	Spaghetti-Os
Grocery Store Gift Cards	

As an alternative, you can click [here](#) to give a monetary donation. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

A Day in the Life of a Farmer

Spend a morning in the life of a farmer on Saturday, June 10, from 9:00—11:00 a.m. at Sharp Farm. It is a relaxed 2 hours of animal feeding and farm chores, learning to plant a garden and a scavenger hunt through the barnyard and farm museum to find old tools and heritage farm equipment. After the scavenger hunt, we'll fill you in on all the uses and history behind the tools and equipment you found. Each child receives his/her junior farmer graduation certificate.



Registration is required before June 9; please call 410-489-2572 or email farmquestions@sharpfarm.com to register. Tickets are \$8 per person. For more information, visit the [farm's website](#).

heART Exhibit

Columbia Archives, in collaboration with Howard Community College, has gathered artifacts, photographs, documents and ephemera from a number of arts organizations and the Archives collection. Collectively, they tell the story of the importance of the arts to building the Columbia community.

Jim Rouse believed in bringing art to the community and providing a platform for artists. The story of Merriweather Post Pavilion, public art, and the cultivation of arts organizations speaks to the achievement of Rouse's belief.

The heART of Columbia exhibit opens on Saturday, June 10 at The Rouse Company Foundation Gallery at Howard Community College. The opening reception is Sunday, June 18 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily.

Coming Soon: Columbia Bike Share

In commemoration of Howard County's 10th annual Bike to Work Day on Friday, bicyclists were given a sneak preview of the Columbia BikeShare pilot program that is scheduled to launch in early July.

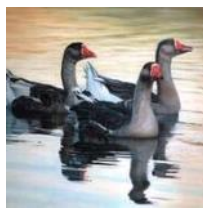


Connected by a three-mile loop, the BikeShare system will have 70 bikes across seven stations in Columbia, featuring standard eight-gear and electric-assist models. Stations will be located at Howard County General Hospital, Howard Community College, the Crescent development, Columbia Town Center, Lake Kittamaqundi, Oakland Mills Village Center and Blandair Park.

Seeking Fresh Food and Other Good Eats?
Howard County Farmers' Markets are now open!

The Bernice Kish Gallery

Mary Jo Messenger will exhibit portraits representing the diversity of Columbia in the Lobby Gallery and Oda VonBerg will exhibit paintings of the Howard County countryside in the Bill White Room Gallery. The exhibit, titled "Celebrating Community: Columbia and Howard County", will be on display from Monday, June 19 – Monday, August 14.



There will be a public reception on Sunday, June 25, 3:00-5:00 p.m. For more information call 410-730-3987 or 301-596-4883 or explore the [exhibit's website](#).

Tick Prevention

Experts have speculated that due to a mild winter, there will be an increase in the tick population this year. Although it is



unnecessary to be alarmed, it is important to inform yourself this season on tick born illnesses and symptoms, and how to protect yourself from getting bitten. As you may know, ticks carry the bacteria that causes Lyme disease, which appears as a bulls-eye patterned

rash and has flu-like symptoms. It is important to recognize and treat this rash immediately; if you recognize it, please see a medical professional.

Most people think to check for ticks after a long hike in the woods or a lengthy time outdoors, however, many people are bitten by ticks closer to home. There are a few simple ways to reduce the tick population in your backyard. First, make sure to regularly remove leaf litter and clear tall grasses and brush around your home. These unattended areas make great homes for ticks, who prefer moist and humid environments, particularly grassy areas. You should also consider removing plants that attract deer and construct barriers that may help discourage deer from entering your yard and bringing the ticks with them.

If you are planning on gardening, hiking, or spending an extended amount of time outdoors, consider using a repellent with DEET. After your excursion, make sure to check your clothes and skin for ticks. Wash any clothes with ticks in hot water and be sure to do a full body check. Even if a tick isn't spotted, it is recommended that you shower within two hours after coming indoors to reduce any risk of getting Lyme disease. For more information, visit the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention's page on Ticks](#).

If you have a dog, consider using tick collars, sprays, shampoos, or other medications to prevent ticks. Consult your veterinarian and use these products according to the package instructions. Follow this [link](#) for more information on preventing ticks on your pet.

Exploring Columbia On Foot

The walks will be held on nine Thursdays and one Saturday from March through October. Most walks will begin at 10:00 a.m., however, the walk at The Mall in Columbia begins at 8:30 a.m. Registration is not required. The next three walks will be:

Thursday, June 1: River Hill - meet at Claret Hall (6020 Daybreak Circle)

Saturday, June 24: The Mall in Columbia - meet at the Plaza in front of Season's 52 (10300 Little Patuxent Parkway)

Thursday, July 13: Long Reach - meet at Jeffers Hill Neighborhood Center (6030 Tamar Drive)

Mess Fest at the Science Center

Mess Fest is back at MSC for its fourth annual year. Break out your old clothes and dirty sneakers because this one is sure to be the messiest yet!

Get splashed by sky-high jet streams when you set off a fizzy canister. Make an ooey-gooley mess when you finger paint with colorful mud. Race different slimy substances down three stories of MSC! Splat and squish your addition to our Mess



Collage. Leave your mark on MSC's windows. There might even be a few mess-tastic surprises throughout the day.

Prepare to get messy on Saturday, June 24, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Festivities will take place inside and outside (weather depending), and the event will go on rain or shine. This event is free with paid general admission. Be prepared for a day of ooey-gooley, gloppy-sloppy, slimy science activities.

Patapsco River Hike

Join Howard County Conservancy on a hike to the Patapsco River on June 10, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Experience the wonders of spring on this moderate 2-hour round trip hike across meadows, tee lines, and paths through the woods. You may find ephemeral wildflowers, ferns, and mosses, migrating birds, and trees and bushes that are leafing out and budding with flowers. Awaken your spirits on this journey through local natural beauty.

Please note that the hike may include hilly and rocky areas, so please wear sturdy shoes that can get muddy or wet. The Conservancy asks that you leave your pets at home. For more information, please visit the [Conservancy's webpage](#).

Reminders & More

County Offices Closed for Memorial Day

Monday, May 29

Howard County Government offices, courts, animal shelter, 50+ centers and landfill will be closed. There will be no trash, recycling, yard trim or food scrap pick-up on Memorial Day. The County's [holiday "slide" schedule](#) will be in effect.

Pink Cabbage Funky Flea Market

Saturday, June 3, 8:00 a.m. (Rain date: Sunday, June 4)

The Pink Cabbage, 11707 Frederick Road, Ellicott City

Vendors, food and live music to benefit the American Cancer Society.

CA's KidsDay

Saturday, June 3, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Columbia SportsPark

5433 Harper's Farm Rd.

Enjoy a free, fun-filled afternoon for the whole family.

Attendees can learn more about CA's youth programs while playing mini golf, or doing some Zumba, arts & crafts, and much more. Visit [CA's camp webpage](#) for all the details and to register.

Howard County STEM Festival

Sunday, June 4, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Science, Engineering, and Technology Building, HCC

Join over 1,500 students and parents at this free event with presenters such as FIRST Robotics, Space Telescope Institute, Maryland Science Center, and so much more. For more information, [visit this webpage](#).

Books In Bloom: The Inaugural Book Festival of Downtown Columbia

Sunday, June 11, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**The Chrysalis in Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods
10475 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia**

The Downtown Columbia Partnership presents Books in Bloom, Columbia, inaugural book festival, in celebration of the city's 50th anniversary. Readings, panel discussions, a poetry wall and pop-up bookstore by Politics & Prose are featured. The festival is free and open to the public of all ages.

Click [here](#) for the full lineup and to register.



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